

## Once accepted to Virginia Tech, and after H.S. graduation...

- Submit final high school transcripts to office of undergraduate admissions
- Continue collecting information about “best” degree path & ROTC service options
  - ➔ Think about your career goals, skills, interests, & personality
  - ➔ Consider compatibility for military service (mental, physical)
  - ➔ Anticipate problems you may face during transition & do your best to minimize them
- Attend **freshman orientation** for 1-2 days in July

### \*\* *On-site information & final preparations for the big transition to college* \*\*

- ➔ Official welcome includes campus tour, info sessions, ID card, food plans
  - ➔ Attend Corps information session! Meet leadership & cadets, Q & A
  - ➔ Enrolled in Corps? Your first uniform fitting will occur at the tailor shop.
    - Receive one pair of combat boots & break them in by mid-August.
  - ➔ Staff members in the Corps **and** each ROTC department create cadet records during freshman orientation.
    - It's common to be undecided about a branch of service, but you can't join both! Get smart & finalize your choice early so you'll be ready for classes & training.
  - ➔ **Not** enrolled in Corps? Orientation is a great time to sign-up!
  - ➔ **WAIT** for room assignments – all freshmen are notified on or around **1 August**
    - Contact roommate; coordinate purchase of “major” college essentials
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- Gear up for **New Cadet Week** (1 week before classes)
    - ➔ Entire week of training familiarizes 200 - 250 freshmen to a structured Corps lifestyle
    - ➔ **What to Expect:** lots of marching, pushups/fitness, hands-on instruction for proper uniform wear, shoe shines, and inspection-ready rooms; haircuts and focus on grooming standards; how to greet and formally report to upperclassmen & officers; teambuilding & confidence building activities. Get in shape – your fitness level will affect performance.
    - ➔ All cadets will attend a general ROTC information session Monday or Tuesday before classes begin. The goal of this session is to help “undecided” or “Corps only” cadets make a service connection.
    - ➔ Officers from Army, Navy (with Marine option), and Air Force departments will give 10-15 minute overview of their program. After presentation, cadets split up **by service** for 3-4 hours of administrative actions.
      - **Air Force** breakout session includes: short staff & cadet introductions, refreshments, slideshows and videos, and Q & A session.